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Applicant: Werner Berger, et al.  
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Title: Thermoplastic Polymer Blend Produced From Thermoplastic Starch and Method for the Production Thereof

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents****Washington, D.C. 20231****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the first office action, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the attached clean copies of the amended paragraphs of pages 1, 4, and 8 for the corresponding paragraphs on file. A marked-up version of the paragraphs with all the changes shown is also attached.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 through 19 of the literal translation are cancelled.